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SUBJ: NEW GOVERNMENT TEAM TAKES SHAPE

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1. SUMMARY: SEVEN OF THIRTEEN CABINET MINISTER OF THE MELGAR ADMINISTRATION HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED IN THEIR JOBS AND SIX HAVE BEEN REPLACED. WHILE CENTRAL BANK PRESIDENT GUILLERMO BUESO'S RESIGNATION AND THAT OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (CONADI) PRESIDENT JUAN MARINAKYS ALSO SEEM CERTAIN, NO OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT HAS YET BEEN MADE. REMAINING IN THE AIR IS THE STATUS OF THE SUPREME COURT PRESIDENT AND THE HEADS OF OTHER AUTONOMOUS AGENCIES. THE RETENTIONS INDICATE THE GOVERNMENT'S BASIC PLANS AND POLICIES WILL BE LITTLE CHANGED FROM THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING MINISTERS IN THE MELGAR ADMINISTRATION HAVE BEEN  
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HELD OVER:

FOREIGN RELATIONS: COL. ROBERTO PALMA GALVEZ  
FINANCE: PORFIRIO ZAVALA  
COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS: LT. COL. MARIO FLORES THERESIN  
LABOR AND SOCIAL SECURITY: ADALBERTO DISCUA  
NATURAL RESOURCES: RAFAEL LEONARDO CALLEJAS

NATIONAL AGRARIAN INSTITUTE (INA): FABIO SALGADO  
ECONOMY: BENJAMIN VILLANUEVA

3. NEWLY APPOINTED MINISTERS ARE:

GOVERNMENT AND JUSTICE: LT.COL. CRISTOBAL DIAZ GARCIA  
(FORMER SUB-SECRETARY)  
DEFENSE: LT.COL. DIEGO LANDA  
EDUCATION: EUGENIO MATUTE  
PUBLIC HEALTH: DR. LUIS COUSIN  
CULTURE AND TOURISM: ARMANDO ALVAREZ -FORMER SUB-SECRETARY)  
SUPERIOR ECONOMIC PLANNING COUNCIL (CONSUPLANE): VALENTINE MENDOZA

4. IN ADDITION, GUSTAVO ACOSTA MEJIA, A PROMINENT NATIONAL PARTY (PNH) MEMBER AND THE BROTHER OF PNH CENTRAL COMMITTEE PRESIDENT IRMA ACOSTA, RADIO COMMENTATOR AND LAWYER, HAS BEEN NAMED PERSONAL ADVISER TO THE MILITARY JUNTA. HERMAN ALLEN PADGETT, A WELL-KNOWN RADIO COMMENTATOR HAS BEEN APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF PRESS RELATIONS.

5. NO OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT HAS YET BEEN MADE CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF GUILLERMO BUESO, CENTRAL BANK PRESIDENT OR JUAN MARINAKYS, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (CONADI). OTHERS WHOSE FUTURE IS STILL UNCLEAR INCLUDE THE SUPREME COURT PRESIDENT SALOMON JIMENEZ AND THE HEADS OF OTHER AUTONOMOUS AGENCIES.  
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6. BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON NEW APPOINTMENTS FOLLOWS SEPTTEL.  
7. REMOVED FROM THEIR JOBS WERE THE THREE MILITARY MINISTERS, LT.COLS. TORRES ARIAS, RUIZ ANDRADE AND O'CONNOR BAIN, ALL MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY SCHOOL'S FIRST GRADUATING CLASS. ALSO REMOVED WERE LIDIA WILLIAMS DE ARIAS AND ENRIQUE AGUILAR PAZ, BOTH OF WHOM HAD BECOME CONTROVERSIAL AND ARTURO CORLETTI, A TECHNOCRAT.

8. COMMENT: THE RETENTION OF SEVEN OUT OF THIRTEEN CABINET MINISTERS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF TWO OTHERS WHO WERE SUB-SECRETARIES IN THE MELGAR ADMINISTRATION INDICATES THE GOVERNMENT'S BASIC POLICIES AND PROGRAMS ARE LIKELY TO CONTINUE WITH LITTLE CHANGE.  
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